

DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

As the below named inventors, we hereby declare that:

Our residence, post office address and citizenship is as stated below next to our names.

We believe we are the original, first and joint inventors of the subject matter, which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled **ANNULAR SEAL**, the specification of which is attached hereto.

We hereby state that we have reviewed and understand the contents of the attached specification, including the claims.

We acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of the application in accordance with Sec. 1.56(a), Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations.

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We hereby declare that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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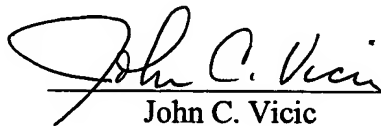
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